

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2008

Since you were faithful in small matters
I will give you great responsibilities



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Reflection on the Word

Some things drop into our lives and we simply run with them. Summer vacation was like that when I was a child. There was no need and certainly no desire to organize it for the sake of efficiency. Summer was better when it just happened: bike riding and pick-up softball on the school playground behind our house and swimming at Lakeside Park and going for ice cream at dusk and catching fireflies at night and a thousand other things that come together and make up summer.

There are other things, however, that drop into our lives but never go anywhere, except perhaps with a lot of prodding. School comes to mind. I never would have gone had I been given a menu of options. Having my tonsils out was another such thing, and wearing braces on my teeth, and moving into a new city when I was eight, and my grandmother dying on my twelfth birthday. I took them in stride, mostly because there was no other way to take them. Given my druthers, though, they never would have happened at all. I simply lived with them, and then they were over.

The Gospel this week proposes that God comes in much the same way. God gives us five talents' worth of life or two talents' worth or even one talent's worth, and with it enough energy to double it. Sometimes, though, God drops in when we'd rather be left alone, and so we try to bury that God, just because the situation doesn't look very life-giving to us. Yet it can be life-giving, like the weary routine of raising children or going to the same job we've been going to for the past twenty-five years or taking care of an aging parent. Eventually we may find out that burying such life is more deadly than the risk of living it, and living it brings a higher yield that we could ever expect.

For Consideration & Discussion

- ✠ Like the wife in the book of Proverbs, what aspect of your life is most graced, most fruitful and abundant with growth and richness?
- ✠ What part of your life have you tried to keep buried? What in your life needs to be dug up and lived with and found to be graced?

Responding to the Word

In his first letter to the Thessalonian community Saint Paul says that "you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" — God will come stealing life as we know it (I Thessalonians 5:2). If, however, we pick it up and run with it at that point, perhaps something new can be born in us "like labor pains upon a pregnant woman" (5:3)

Spend a few minutes in quiet prayer. Ask God to show you one (or more) ways that you may be called to respond to this week's scriptures —

- ♥ In your relationship with God
- ♥ With family and friends,
- ♥ At work, school, or church,
- ♥ In the broader community.

From The Archdiocese of San Francisco: **Jubilee Year of St. Paul Prayer** ... with Archbishop Niederauer

To commemorate the dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Paul in Rome and as a special celebration of the jubilee year honoring the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, all are invited to join Archbishop Niederauer for Evening Prayer on Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 pm at Saints Peter & Paul Church at 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 415-614-5586.

Pastoral Council Meeting

The **Pastoral Council** will meet on **Monday, November 17th at 7:00 pm**. The council holds its meeting here at the church and encourages all interested parishioners to attend.

Men's Prayer Group

A small group of St. Luke men meet for an hour at 7:00 am, on the first and third Wednesday of the month for prayer and Scripture discussion. **All are welcome. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 19th.** For more information, call Dan James at 650-574-3835.



**Religious Education
& Youth Ministry**
Pre-K through High School
Nancy Becerra: (650) 574-9191

THANKSGIVING



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NOVEMBER 27, 2008
9:00 am Mass (Main Church)
There will be
blessing of the bread and wine
to be used at your
Thanksgiving Dinner!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

16 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K
19 Wed. 5:30-6:30 pm Grades 1-4
7:30-8:30 pm Grades 5-8
16 23 Sun. 9:00 am Pre K/K



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)
FOR CHILDREN**

16 Sun. 10:15-11:30 am First Day of Classes

*** These classes are very condensed. Therefore, you must attend all the classes to be eligible to receive the sacraments. You are still expected to attend your regular CCD classes.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

20 Thur. 7:15-8:45 pm



Youth Ministry ~ SLY

The Saint Luke Youth Mission Statement
✠ Serving God
✠ Serving the Community
✠ Serving the Youth

Thanksgiving Food Drive !!!

Our very own Youth Ministry, in response to the Samaritan House Food Drive Project will hold a Thanksgiving Food Drive. This project reaches more than 5,000 low-income community members.

There will be barrels located in the Parish Center where you can leave your **non-perishable food donations**. Samaritan House will be picking up the barrels on **November 19**, so be sure to get you donations in before then!

RCIA FOR ADULTS

The Adult Faith Formation is **ongoing every Thursday, here at the Church.** If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or just learning more about the Church, please ask them to contact **Deacon Paul Lucia** at the Parish Office, 650-345-6660.

MEMORY PROBLEMS?

In recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, the **Catholic charities CYO - San Carlos Adult Day Services** in cooperation with the Alzheimer's Foundation for America (AFA) will be offering **free confidential memory screenings** to the public on **Tuesday, November 18**, National Memory Screening Day, at 787 Walnut Street, San Carlos from 10:00 am—12:30 pm and 1:00 pm –3:00 pm. This is an annual initiative of the AFA to stress the importance of proper detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

DINNER & BINGO NIGHT !!!

The **Foster City Lions Club** will hold their 2nd Annual Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser on **Friday, November 21 at the Foster City Recreation Center** (Lagoon Room) 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City. Cost is **\$20** includes chicken dinner & bingo cards. For more info, call Lion Barbara Bergero at 650-341-8340 or Lion Carolyn Cox at 650-377-0247.

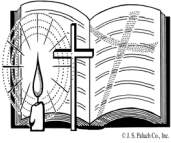
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

1540 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002

Information Night: Tuesday, November 18
Tours 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Last shadow day for 8th grade girls
Monday, November 24

To make a reservation or
For more information, visit www.ndhsb.org
or call 650-595-1913, ext. 320 or 315



Scripture Readings

November 16, 2008

Sunday:	Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 128, I Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30
Monday:	Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5; Psalm 1; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22; Psalm 15; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 150; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	Revelation 5:1-10; Psalm 149; Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	Revelation 10:8-11; Psalm 119; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday:	Revelation 11:4-12; Psalm 144; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23; I Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

Mass Intentions

For the week of November 17, 2008



Monday	+Gene Dyer
Tuesday	+Luz Cabiluna
Wednesday	Nikki Roxas, Healing
Thursday	Special Intention
Friday	+Jerome & +Jerry M. Kozloski
Saturday	
8:30 am	All Souls
5:00 pm	+John Gabriel Buencamino
Sunday	
7:30 am	For the People of St. Luke
9:00 am	+Santi Ofrecio
10:30 am	+Michael Donnellan
5:00 pm	Ana Vazquez, Healing



Mass Schedule for

November 15 and 16, 2008

Saturday		
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Mario & Co.
Sunday		
7:30 am	Fr. Jonathan	
9:00 am	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Emmaus
10:30 am	Fr. Kieran	Choir: Burning Bush
5:00 pm	Fr. Jonathan	Choir: Kevin's Flock

If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Luke Parish to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 345-6660. Please take some time this week to remember the following people and intentions in your prayers:



- ✠ **For all those who are ailing** especially Roman Vi-ray, Ellen Bona, Ron Cox, Ana Vazquez, Beatrice de Leon, Leoncia Alarcon, Rhodora Golez, Alan Paolucci, Riane Acero, Stephan Sabellano, Lydia Xavier, Sonia Cicerone, Joseph Touchstone, Ron Galasi, Nancy Kellerman, Karen Wickham, Jane Schmidt, Cathy Costanza, Katie McNamara, Jerry Vega, Rana Yaminie, Cathy Kost, Elli Guardino, Marilyn Grattan, Elena Santiago, Hal & Rose Tanforan.
- ✠ **For our recently deceased** parishioners, relatives and friends, especially Lori Turek and John Gabriel Buencamino we pray that they may be welcomed into the reign of everlasting joy & for those who mourn, that they may be comforted and consoled.

Weekly Collections

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them.

Stewardship... Last Sunday's collection: November 9, our parish received **\$5,800**. This figure includes a portion of the once a month credit card donations. The second collection, the **Skip-A-Meal Program**, received **\$1,431**.

2008 Archbishop Annual Appeal ... This year, St. Luke has been assessed **\$69,500**. So far, the number of families who have pledged is **125** (out of almost 900). We now stand at **80%** at **\$56,360**. pledged but we still need **\$13,140** to meet our goal. . We need the help of the rest of the parish, as members of the St. Luke Community, and as such, bear a responsibility for supporting this need.

Please pledge to help us!

PENINSULA CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS & BUSINESS CLUB (CP&BC)

The Catholic Professional and Business Clubs (CP&BC), which has 12 chapters nationally, including a chapter in San Francisco, **seeks to have a chapter on the Peninsula**. The primary purpose of the CP&BC is **to help Catholics live their faith in the workplace and at home**. Existing chapters hold monthly meetings which are highlighted by a presentation from a speaker relating business and faith. Persons interested in joining the chapter should **contact Tim Dixon** at 650-581-1293 or at timdixon@dixonconsultinginc.com. For more info about the CP&BC, see www.cpbclubs.org.

Contact People

Altar Linens: Mary True: (650) 571-8783

Altar Servers: Perry Durant: (650) 571-5051

Anointing of the Sick: If you know of any parishioners who are sick or hospitalized or are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age, please call the office.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator:

Barbara Elordi, Marriage and Family Therapist, for persons who have suffered sexual abuse from members of the Catholic clergy. Call (415) 614-5506 (direct & secured phone line of Ms. Elordi)

Baptism: 4th Sunday of the month. Contact office for preparation class information – prior registration required.

Christian Burial: Kindly call the parish office before meeting with the funeral director.

Cursillo: Duncan Fife: (650) 345-3345

Divorced and Separated Catholics: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Bartholomew Church, San Mateo. Call Gail Castro: (650) 591-8452

Finance Council: John Bernat: (650) 341-4045

Knights of Columbus: Marvin A. Crockett: (650)341-4058

Legion of Mary: Saturdays at 9:00 am.
Georgiana Unson: (650) 345-2613

Lectors & Eucharistic Captains:

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

Liturgy Coordinators: Watch bulletin for meeting times

Marriages: Contact the office at least 6 months before the desired date.

Music Groups: Children: Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090
The Joyful Noise & Kevin’s Flock
– Kevin Lucia: (650) 349-3090

The Burning Bush & Emmaus Choir
– Elysabeth Allen: Tel. No. (650) 573-6858
Youth Choir - Elysabeth Allen: (650) 573-6858

Pastoral Council: John Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

Right to Life: Donna Sanchez: (650) 574-1535

Sandwiches on Sunday: Peg Culver: (650) 349-1408

St. Vincent De Paul Conférence:

Peggy Simkins: (650) 573-5370

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, November 17

7:00 pm ~ Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 pm ~ Faith Formation

Wednesday, November 19

7:00 am ~ Men’s Prayer Group

Thursday, November 20

All Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 pm ~ Benediction

7:45 pm-9:15 pm ~ RCIA for Adults

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am ~ Legion of Mary

10:30 am ~ Junior Legion of Mary

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUES

****Sisters of Mercy at Marian Convent**

November 21 & 22, Fri. & Sat., 10 am to 4 pm

2300 Adeline Drive Bldg. D, Burlingame

For more info, please call 650-340-7427

Proceeds will be used to fund activities and recreational programs for the retired Sisters.

****Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose**

November 22 & 23, Sat. & Sun., 10 am to 4 pm

43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont

For more info, please call 510-657-2648, Ext. 6310

Proceeds will benefit the on-going ministries of the Dominican Sisters.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us as we celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Mass for the **Divorced and Separated of the Archdiocese of San Francisco**. It will be concelebrated on **Saturday, November 29 at 5:30 P.M. at St. John of God Church, 5th Avenue & Irving Street in San Francisco**.

A potluck reception will follow, with hors d’oeuvres and desserts. For info contact Father Al Grosskopf, S.J., 415/422-6698, Susan Fox, 415/752-1308, or Gail Castro 650/591-8452.

KEEPING IN CONTACT... St. Luke Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian friendship to you, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, or have moved, or have other needs, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We will send new parishioners a census form.

New Parishioner

Have moved, here’s the new address.

I have changed my phone number.

I am moving, please remove my name from list.

I am a shut-in and would like someone to visit.

I am going to be in the hospital, please call me.

I’d like information about _____

I’d like to volunteer as _____

Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____